

Claims

1           1.       A process for encoding an access pass with an image of an  
2       authorized user to facilitate identity verification, comprising the steps of:  
3                verifying the identity of the user beyond a security perimeter;  
4                taking an electronic image of the user with a camera capable of  
5       generating a computer-storage image output; and  
6                printing a human-cognizable image of the user directly onto said access  
7       pass.

1           2.       The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
2                associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized  
3       travel datum of the passenger.

1           3.       The process of claim 1 wherein said electronic image is stored  
2       in a centralized database.

1           4.       The process of claim 3 further comprising the steps of:  
2                collecting an electronic image of a luggage article in the possession of  
3       the user; and  
4                storing said luggage article electronic image in the centralized database.

1           5.       The process of claim 3 wherein said human-cognizable image  
2       appears on a video display as retrieved from said centralized database upon  
3       entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

1           6.       The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
2                associating electronic forms of a user document in the centralized  
3       database, said document accessible from said centralized database upon input  
4       of a user provided datum.

1           7.     The process of claim 6 wherein the centralized database is  
2     accessible through an Internet connection.

1           8.     The process of claim 1 wherein said human-cognizable image of  
2     the user is of a user face.

1           9.     The process of claim 1 wherein said human-cognizable image of  
2     the user is of a user fingerprint.

1           10.    An access pass system for verifying the identity of the user,  
2     comprising:  
3           a self-supporting access pass having a machine readable data series  
4     selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip encoding a  
5     reference number;  
6           a computer database storing a user image associated with the reference  
7     number; and  
8           a video display coupled to said computer database and a machine data  
9     reader adapted to read the data series, such that upon reading the data series a  
10    human-cognizable user image is displayed on said video display.

1           11.    The pass system of claim 10 wherein said bar code is  
2     two-dimensional.

1           12.    The system of claim 10 wherein said human-cognizable user  
2     image is of a user face.

1           13.    The system of claim 10 wherein said human-cognizable user  
2     image is of a user fingerprint.

1           14.    The system of claim 10 further comprising a user document  
2     stored within said computer database and associated with the reference number.

1           15.    The access pass system of claim 10 further comprising an  
2           authentication hash.

1           16.    A process for encoding an access pass with an image of a user to  
2           facilitate identity verification, comprising the steps of:  
3                verifying the identity of a user beyond a security perimeter;  
4                taking an electronic image of the user with a camera capable of  
5                generating a computer-storable image output;  
6                encoding a machine readable data series selected from the group  
7                consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip onto an access pass, said data series  
8                referencing said computer-storable image output within a computer;  
9                reading the data series to said computer database;  
10              recalling a human-cognizable image of the user from said computer-  
11              storable image output, said computer-storable image output referenced to said  
12              data series with said computer database;  
13              displaying said human-cognizable image on video display interfaced  
14              with said computer database; and  
15              comparing the human-cognizable image on said video display with the  
16              user presenting said access pass.

1           17.    The process of claim 16 further comprising the step of:  
2           associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized  
3           travel datum of the passenger.

1           18.    The process of claim 16 wherein said electronic image is stored  
2           in a centralized database.

1           19.    The process of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:  
2           collecting an electronic image of a luggage article in the possession of  
3           the user; and  
4           storing said luggage article electronic image in the centralized database.

1           20.    The process of claim 18 wherein said human-cognizable image  
2           appears on a video display as retrieved from said centralized database upon  
3           entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

1           21.    The process of claim 16 further comprising the step of:  
2           associating electronic forms of a user document in the centralized  
3           database, said document accessible from said centralized database upon input  
4           of a user provided datum.

1           22.    The process of claim 16 wherein the centralized database is  
2           accessible through an Internet connection.

1           23.    The process of claim 16 wherein said human-cognizable image  
2           of the user is of a user face.

1           24.    The process of claim 16 wherein said human-cognizable image  
2           of the user is of a user fingerprint.